(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL) : (a) and (b) The materials, released from main line track renewals which still have residual service life, are re-used for laying track in gauge conversion/secondary renewal etc., where it can meet the requirement.

During the current financial year, till 31.10.2003 a total of 690 kms. has been renewed with used material released from track.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Tardy implementation of projects in Railways

451. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE :
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have been found by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation to have a tardy record in the implementation of projects leading to huge cost and time overrun;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure the timely completion of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The projects are being progressed as per the availability of resources. There is a huge shelf of on-going projects with limited resources. In the absence of matching availability of funds, time and cost overrun are not feasible to be evaluated.

(c) The projects are progressing as per availability of resources on year to year basis. For expeditious completion of these projects, new initiatives such as private/public partnership, State funding, funding from Ministry of Defence and additional budgetary support for National projects have been taken.

Allocation for rail projects in U.P.

452. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of rail project proposals received from the Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken on each proposal; and

(c) the details of amount allocated and spent on these projects during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL) : (a) to (c) The details of proposals, other than received from State Govts, are not maintained. The proposals submitted by Govt, of Uttar Pradesh regarding new rail projects in the State during the last 3 years and current year, action taken thereon, amount allocated and spent upto 31.03.2003 are as under:-

SI N	Proposal	Action	Amout allocated during 2000-01 to 2002-03	Expendi-ture incurred during 2000-01 to 2002-03
1	•2	3	4	5
1.	Construction of new rail line between Khurja-Rewari-Rohtak	A survey for construction of new broad gauge line for Khurja-Palwal-Bhiwadi-Rewari-Rohtak was conducted in October, 1995 and later updated in 2002. Due to acute constraint of resources and heavy throwforward of on-going projects, it was not considered feasible to take up the work. However, on the request of State Govt., a survey for construction of new BG line between Rewari-Bhiwadi (27 km.) has been sanctioned in July, 2002. Further consideration of the project would be possible once the survey report becomes available.	Nil	Nil
2.	Doubling and Electrifi-cation of Lucknow-Varanasi *via* Sultanpur	Double line between Lucknow to Utratia and Zaf rabad to Varanasi already exist. The patch doubling work has been taken up between Utratia and Zafrabad section.	Rs. 32 crore	Rs. 23.13 crore

1	2	3	4	5
(a) New Line 3.				
(i) Linking of Kanpur Mandhana-Bithor rail line with Kanpur-Unnao-Balamau rail line		Electrification of Mughalsarai-varansi-Zafrabad section was included in the Railway Budget 1999-2000 as Phase-I of Mughalsarai - Lucknow project, subject to procedural clearances. The clearances are yet to be received. Surveys were conducted but due to Nil constraint of resources, it was not feasible to consider construction of these new lines/doublings.		Nil
	(ii) Gajraula to Sambhal.			
	(iii) ChoJa-Bulandshahr.			
	(iv) Berhan Shahjahanpur.			
	(v) Meerut-Bijnaur *via* Mawana-Hastinapur-VidurKuti.			
	(iv) Laksar-Baksar			
	(vii) Meerut-Panipat			
	(viii) Kasganj-Aligarh			
	(ix) Muzaffarnagar-Haridwar-Roorkee.			
	(x) Panipat-Shamli-Mu'zaffarnagar.			
	(xi) Shahjahanpur Jalalabad-Farrukhabad			
	(b) Doubling			
	(') Shahdra-Shamli-. Saharanpur			
	(ii) Khurja-Hapur-Meerut-Saharanpur			